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25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: The Federacion Uruguaya de Empleados del Comercio y la Industria (FUECI), an autonomous labor union, has been experiencing a considerable amount of success in the interior of Uruguay in its attempt to wrest control of the workers from the Union General de Trabajadores (UGT) and to diminish the prestige of that Communist-controlled labor union

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1. FUECI, openly hostile towards the Communist UGT, has concentrated its efforts towards neutralizing the work of UGT representatives working in the interior of Uruguay, and is now considered to be the most important labor union in the Departments of Rio Negro, Soriano, Rivera, and Flores.
2. The federation has no political leanings which would stamp it as being the instrument of any political party. The executive committee of the union has representatives from all political parties; however, the strategic offices, such as the executive secretary and the legal counsel, Gualberto Damonte and Angel Valdez respectively, are held by Socialists. President of the federation, Benito Roviro, one time Herrerista collaborator, is now thought to be a Socialist sympathizer.
3. FUECI works by means of direct action to bring about a correlation between the laborers and the social laws of the countries, and to achieve an enforcement of the social laws which have already been passed.

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